

Epping North Outside School Hours Care Program



Newsletter
Term 4 2020

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Special announcements:

Welcome to Term 4 everyone! Can you believe it is only 9 weeks till Christmas!

It has been a year that no one expected. We'd like to say a big thank you to all the educators who have supported children during this time. Our focus has been the children that they are safe and enjoying their time at OOSH. We also want to say a big thank you to our wonderful parents and families for their patience and understanding with the changes we've had to face this year.

Vacation Care Highlights and Dates for the next upcoming Vacation Care

Our Spring program was a blast! Iconic Nerd came with their Pokémon trainer incursion was popular, teaching our children how to play Pokémon against each other, using their math's skills! Gamerz truck was also back as a crowd favorite! We escaped the centre for an excursion to Steam Roller Park for a BBQ, to fly kites and play on the equipment. The children had a great time and, they didn't want to go home. It was nice to be out of the centre for a couple of hours. The children have coped well with not having excursions for so long.

We are hoping to do a couple of excursions the back end of January school holidays but will depend on current restrictions and Department advice.

2020 / 2021 Vacation Care dates!

Open: Thursday 17th and Friday 18th December 2020

Closed: Monday 21st December and re open Monday 4th January 2021

Open: Monday 4th January – Monday 25th January 2021

CLOSED Tuesday 26th January – Australia Day

Pupil free day is Wednesday 27th January

School starts Thursday 28th January

Bookings will open approximately in the beginning of Week 7 of Term 4 for Epping North families and Week 8 for all other families.

The pupil free day on the 27th of January will be found in the 2021 calendar. A 2021 enrolment will be needed to book this day.

Any students who are in year 6 this year can still attend January 2021 vacation care under a 2020 Enrolment

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2021 Re-Enrolments

2021 Re-Enrolments are now open! Make sure you enrol on the new parent portal to ensure you don't miss out. We potentially may have a waitlist for spaces in 2021 so it is best to enrol early to guarantee spots.

There has recently been some updates on the Becklyn webserver, we hope that the changes are better and you are finding the new updates user friendly, particularly on mobile phones!

Kindergarten 2020 Week 5

As of week 5 this term, current kindergarten children will be practicing walking up to and from the centre to practice being Year 1's in 2021 where they will make their own way to and from school. They are already eager to become more responsible and take the initiative themselves!

Cultural program

We have been busy working to revamp our program at the centre to incorporate more cultural activities that our children celebrate! Led by educator May, she has been busy at work contacting families and asking children what festivals and celebrations they practice at home so we can become involved and do so in an enjoyable and respectful way. We'd love to hear your input! If you have any ideas to add to the program or would like to assist, we would love your assistance! Please talk to us at the centre or email us!

Dojo prizes

This term for our dojo prizes the children are trying to earn the most points to win a digital watch. We were kindly donated a couple of watches by a parent from OOSH. Children earn dojo points at the centre by listening to educators, sitting quietly in roll call, packing away, being nice to their peers helping when they are upset or if they are hurt.

Build update

Our new building is still moving along! It has had a few setbacks during COVID but we are moving forward with it. We are currently working with the Department of Education on the design of the build.

It will then go out to tender, then it should be completed quickly! So, our fingers are crossed that we will have a new building in 2021.

We hope everyone has a great term from all Epping North staff and committee!!